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Candidates vie for trustee position in the polls



Matthew Townsend

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Two students have stepped forward to fill the void of student trustee since the position has sat vacant for over two months.

Graduate student Anthony Albertina and junior Matt Townsend have applied for the position since Dell Jones resigned before she was going to take office July 1.

Both students have had experience with student

government. Albertina served as a senator and student government vice president and Townsend has been a senator since the 2004-05 academic year.

"I've had experience at the Collinsville Board of Education and I've wanted to be a part of higher education," Albertina said.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Townsend said. "One of the guys I looked up to in my fraternity was a student trustee."

Albertina hopes to create a balanced budget that is in the best interest of students.

"I'd like to see more faculty members in the mass communications and criminal justice department," Albertina said. "I'd also like to see smaller class sizes."

Townsend said he wanted to lobby for a new library or for renovations to the current one.

"It would be good to get out

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Anthony Albertina

Campus receives nip/tuck treatment

SIUE administration is spending money and time to present nicer surroundings for students, faculty and visitors

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE is receiving some tender loving care.

Facilities Management has charged nearly \$2 million worth of working hours, according to Vice Chancellor of Administration Ken Neher.

"Between the six weeks at the end of June and middle of August, Facilities Management billed 1.8 million to fix up things. ... Just dozens of small projects," Neher said.

Sidewalks are also being repaired or replaced around campus.

Facilities Management Assistant Director David Partney said the \$80,000 concrete renovations are part of an effort

around Rendleman, Alumni and Founder's Halls and the Vadalabene Center.

"It's part of the complete renovation of that area. ... We're going to beautify the whole circle out there," Partney said.

Last week, workers just finished adding a purple, glazed rock around Rendleman called 'exposed aggregate'.

"We chose that because it looks nice," Neher said.

Walkways in front of Rendleman were deteriorating faster than officials had expected, Neher explained, and pouring the aggregate was a must, to be safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"A lot of the original concrete is going south on us. It's



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Concrete renovations, including the walkways at Alumni Hall cost \$80,000 and will help students safely walk to class.

about 40 years old and we're lucky to get as much use," he said.

The campus is focusing on sprucing up its plant life. SIUE

Additional funding was just allocated for more shrubbery, Partney said. He added that the total budget was still being calculated.

"We're going to beautify the whole circle out there."

~David Partney,

Facilities Management assistant director

received a Green Thumb Award from Edwardsville's Beautification and Tree Committee.

Neher said that the campus was delighted to receive an award for their efforts.

"It's signed by the mayor. That was really cool. I'm pretty happy about it," Neher added.

Crumbling bricks are being fixed with a price tag of \$1 million. Neher said the project is funded by the state.

"It's part of the Illinois Capital Board ... for masonry repair. ... They're going around and repairing all the deteriorating brickwork."

Parking has tight budget, raising prices

TED MCKINNEY
MANAGING EDITOR

Parking fees and tickets are a necessary evil.

Money generated by Parking Services pays for new lots created during campus expansion, lot painting, the motorist assistance program and road and lot maintenance. Parking Services also pays for the 63 emergency telephones throughout campus.

During the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, Parking Services operated on a budget of "basically \$2 million, and we spent a little more than that, \$2.07 million," Director of Administrative Services Robert Vanzo said.

One of the largest expenses Parking Services faces is loan payments.

"One of our biggest debts that we have to pay each year is the \$9 million we borrowed in 1996 to fix up the parking lots," Vanzo said. "They were horrible. There were potholes in all of the lots. You would not believe how bad they were allowed to deteriorate. And interestingly enough, there were actually people in business doing alignment that just hated that we fixed up our parking lots because they lost a lot of business from faculty, students and staff."

The debt is being paid over a 20-year period, at the cost of approximately \$800,000 a year.

Parking Services also recently paid for new lots at the

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ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Students now have newer walkways around them as they go into Rendleman Hall, as part of a nearly \$2 million project.

Undergraduate numbers up, graduate numbers down for fall

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

The latest enrollment numbers are in — with mixed results.

While there are more freshmen, there are fewer graduate students.

New freshmen enrollment is up 1.5 percent, transfer enrollment is up 2 percent and undergraduate retention has increased 1.4 percent over last academic year.

Fall semester enrollment numbers also show an increase in full-time enrollment over the 2004-05 academic year. FTE is based on the number of hours taken by all students; the number is then divided by 12 semester hours, the level at which a student is considered full-time at SIUE.

Fall enrollment stands at 10,152 full-time students and 3,308 part-time students, representing an FTE of 10,964, an increase of 186 over fall 2004.

Admissions Director Todd Burrell said in a press release.

Total student enrollment is 13,460, down 33 from last year.

"The biggest reason in the decrease is because of international student population went down overall, primarily undergraduate," Enrollment Management Assistant Vice Chancellor Boyd Bradshaw said.

SIUE is down 56 international students from last year, according to Bradshaw.

Part-time graduate enrollment is also down from last year.

"The primary reason is students are not going back to school here for their master's (degrees)," Bradshaw said. "There's lots of competition in the area with other universities. We plan to take an extensive look at our graduate school offerings."

Bradshaw said the drop is mostly in the School of Education. He said he plans to have additional recruitment

initiatives to assist in recruiting international and domestic graduate students.

While increased numbers in enrollment mean more students on campus, it also means more parking spots have been filled.

"I come from St. Louis and I get here about 8:30 in the morning," sophomore Shahid Younas said. "Since the School of Pharmacy started this year it's difficult to park anywhere. I have to walk 10 minutes to get to class even with a gray pass. Something needs to be done."

"We're cramped for space," Bradshaw said. "We have to identify our classroom space, faculty space and residential space."

In addition, SIUE's new freshmen have an average ACT score of 22.5. The Illinois average is 20.3 and the national average is 20.9, according to Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy.

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there and let the board of trustees know how good we are and let the board know that we're just as good or better than any other campus," Townsend said.

Both candidates said they want students to have a fair representation with the board of trustees.

Three other students applied for student trustee, but were

ineligible to run because they did not meet the minimum requirements.

The student trustee position has remained vacant over the summer due to the Student Government not wanting to have an election during the summer term, according to Student Government Secretary Bonnie Farrington.

The election will be held

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Tuesday at the north entrance to the Morris University Center. A student identification card is required to vote.

The official results will be posted Friday, Sept. 23 and the new student trustee will take office Monday, Sept. 26.

Police Incidents

Alcohol

9/3

Police arrested Phillip A. Degryse and Migael L. Randall for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor in Woodland Hall.

Traffic

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Police issued Dana D. Dillard a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Niles U. Garasia for speeding on South University Drive.

9/3

Police issued a citation to Brandon J. Ware for speeding on South University Drive.

9/4

Police issued a citation to Dawn D. Edwards for having expired registration on Cougar Lake Road. Police issued a citation to Timothy F. Thompson for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Deanne R. Glazebrook for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued a citation to Adam C. Droege for disobeying a traffic light on Cougar Lake Drive.

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Police issued a citation to David J. Reeve for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Lisa R. Jackson for speeding on South University Drive.

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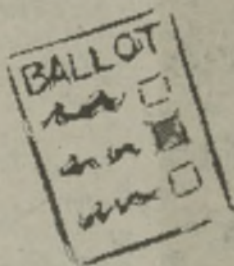
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Raise Your Voice loses volume as proposal is turned down

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS STRINGER

A request to make Raise Your Voice the newest approved group on campus fell on deaf ears Friday.

The Student Senate rejected a proposal to approve the constitution of the group at its meeting Friday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Finance Board Chair Meredith Burkart expressed concern that the constitution wasn't specific enough in defining the group's purpose.

"It just seems a little vague to me because it's 'to increase civic awareness,' that's your wording," she said, addressing Raise Your Voice representatives.

She added that there was

also concern the group might take sides in partisan issues and be seen as representing the entire campus.

Senator Jesse Phelps moved to table the constitution to allow a review, but that vote failed.

Senator Alex English then moved to approve the constitution and that failed as well.

"It is a new organization, and we weren't yet clear on their mission, and sometimes when people aren't yet clear on things, it'll get muddled up," Student Body President Cindy Holesko said.

A representative from Raise Your Voice could not be reached for comment.

Raise Your Voice is eligible to apply for approval at the Student Senate meeting Friday, Sept. 23.

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pharmacy and technical buildings in University Park. It is also in the process of budgeting for the new residence hall parking lot, which is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

Any changes to parking policy must be approved by the parking committee, which is made up of four students, four

Since 2001 the number of tickets has declined every year. Vanzo attributes that to a concerted effort that included raising ticket prices, starting a towing program for chronic offenders and giving students more options for parking.

"The citation thing is really not about making money. It is

"People will tell you there is (shortage of parking) because they cannot park right next to the building."

-Parking Services Director Robert Vanzo

faculty and four staff members. All money generated by changes stays in the parking budget.

One recent change to the policy was an increase in prices at the meters.

Student Body President Holesko said the hike is a result of the latest review of the bond model. The committee justified the increase in order to avoid defaulting on bond payments.

As a result of new expenses, other increases such as parking permit costs are likely to occur.

Another change students may see in the future, which was discussed at a parking committee meeting Friday, is an escalating fine structure. First time offenders would pay significantly smaller fines than repeat offenders.

about producing a behavior. We don't want to be known for just writing a bunch of tickets," he added.

Vanzo said despite common opinion, there is not a shortage of parking on campus.

"People will tell you there is because they cannot park right next to the building."

He admitted that the first week when everyone is attending to business on campus lots are full, and there are issues in specific areas like Cougar Lake.

However, compared with other state institutions, SIUE does not have a significant parking problem and permit prices remain among the lowest in the state.

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Permit cost is \$100. Students whose names are drawn may upgrade "red" or "yellow" permits for the difference in price (\$40).

Results will be posted on the morning of **September 19th** outside the Parking Services office and on the website.

Questions may be directed to Parking Services at **650-3680**.

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Focus on current students before growth



My friend, Paul, sums up SIUE's fascination with administration by "this school thinks it's so official."

Let me explain. It's registration time at SIUE, after finals, pretty much the most crucial time of year for students. Advising appointments within departments are open the first week to those with 75 credit hours or more, the next week is a free-for-all. All undeclared students make their appointments online via AdvisorTrac.

In theory, this makes sense. However, it doesn't help very many people when certain upper-level classes fill up and close on the first day of registration. I only have four classes left to fulfill my major requirements. Two of those classes closed the first day of registration, and the third was closed two days later.

The three classes that are now closed are considered by

session, making them even more difficult. And that's only if I can get into them.

But this problem is not just in my major. Many of the schools and departments offer limited numbers of the upper-level classes. If you need one class to graduate and that class is filled, sorry, you're staying for an extra semester. I know several people who have had to postpone

requirement? I'm glad we're reforming the gen-ed program. Hopefully, some of these problems will be solved.

But that doesn't solve the problem of full classes. There are more than 13,000 students attending SIUE. Former Chancellor David Werner said three years ago that the school was at maximum physical capacity with 11,000 students. But on Sept. 11, 2001, then-Director of Admissions Boyd Bradshaw said, "We are planning for a maximum enrollment of 13,500 students by the fall of 2005."

Let's think about this. The Engineering Building is the newest addition to SIUE. Classes have been held there since the fall of 2000 – well before Werner's remarks about the school being at capacity. Where did the school plan on putting all of these students?

Parking spaces are certainly hard to come by these days.

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"If you need one class to graduate and that class is filled, sorry, you're staying for an extra semester."

many to be the most challenging and time-consuming classes in the Mass Communications Department. They are absolutely required for graduation. If I want to complete my degree in December, I will most likely have to take at least two of those classes during the summer

graduation for at least a semester because of this.

One's expected graduation date at SIUE has to be flexible because so many things can go wrong. How many people get within a semester of graduation only to be told that their adviser missed a general education

Legal philosophy of new justices will impact nation

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) - Overshadowed by the enormous media frenzy covering the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina is a piece of news that will most likely have a profound effect on American society.

With the passing of Chief Justice William Rehnquist last week, the Supreme Court is poised to receive its largest shake up in decades.

It has been more than 10 years since the last change in the makeup of the court, and decades since there have been multiple openings at the same time.

With Bush having already nominated John Roberts to take Rehnquist's place as chief justice, our nation should take a step back and contemplate what role our courts will play in the next several decades of American life.

The direction of the court under Rehnquist was drastically different than that of the ultra-liberal Warren court of the 1960s.

The two new members of the court will likely serve for 20 or more years, having a tremendous impact on policies implemented in virtually every aspect of every American's life.

Hot-button issues such as abortion and gay marriage will likely be the focus of the nomination hearings for many political activists. But these are not the most important areas the court will likely address for most

of us in the coming decades.

Drastic changes are likely to take place in the way we look at privacy rights and private property rights in the near future.

The debate is between the personal "rights" of the individual and society's "rights" to limit personal activities that interfere with the well being of society as a whole.

All laws limit the ability of members in society to act in certain ways, whether it be committing murder, practicing medicine without a license or

speeding.

But under what circumstances should our private rights be violated?

Under what circumstances should the government interfere in our daily lives?

Should we be protected for our own good against our will? *

Does government have a duty to help preserve an upstanding citizenry, setting moral standards?

These are questions that the American people should have answered by nominated justices

before we make the decision of whom to place on the Supreme Court.

Today America needs virtuous guidance and leadership in its jurisprudence.

While attorneys and judges spend most of their time and efforts sifting through legal minutia and past precedents, the role of the Supreme Court is much different.

They have the ability to set precedent and give direction in the grand scheme of our legal

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Political Cartoon



Political Cartoon



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During the 2003-2004 school year, Parking Services sold more than 18,000 tags for the 6,000 available spots on this campus. It doesn't take a mathematician to figure out that those numbers don't add up.

Lines in the Food Court seem a lot longer than usual as well. Starbucks has always drawn a crowd, but I don't recall waiting so long to get a sub in Center Court.

Simply put, it seems to me like the university has more students than it knows what to do with. We continue to add students and boost our enrollment numbers, but are we

resolving the issues that plague the people who are already here?

I've said it before. SIUE offers a quality education at an affordable price. It's great that we are able to increase our enrollment numbers and provide so many people with an education. But please don't sacrifice the quality of the education current students are receiving.

If we can't get our students out of here on time because we don't have the staff, space or resources, we have a problem.

Courtney Rakers
Editor in Chief

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system.

While Democrats and Republicans argue about strict versus loose constructions of the constitution, the real question should be about the personal legal philosophy of the nominee.

Law is about more than just following the guidelines of the constitution. Most cases that make their way to the Supreme Court are cases in which the law or constitutionality is not clearly defined.

These cases call for judicial equity and individual decisions from justices based on their own legal philosophy.

With a strong Republican

majority in the Senate and more than three years left for Bush in office, the president could easily have the opportunity to reshape the judicial branch in a way few presidents in the past have.

While I have confidence that he will nominate only those whom he has the up-most confidence in, America should still be informed about the judicial philosophies of the nominees.

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"The Role of the Constitution in Political Life Today"

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SIUE alumnus keeps the Landing laughing

ATHENA CABALLERO
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

Students looking to try their hand at improv can audition at an SIUE alumnus' new club this month.

April 2005 marked the opening Laughs on the Landing, a comedy-themed club on Laclede's Landing in St. Louis.

In addition to the many bars and clubs that Laclede's Landing has to offer, Laughs on the Landing, is considered the new kid on the block.

Chris Bosworth is an SIUE alumnus and co-owner of the club.

Bosworth is a second-generation SIUE alumnus. His father, Charles, graduated in 1968 and his brother Kyle currently attends SIUE and tends bar at the club.

Chris Bosworth graduated in 2002 and minored in theatre, which later triggered his interest in comedy. After working at the City Improv Comedy Club, formerly located in Grand Central Station, Bosworth decided to open his own comedy club.

Bosworth, along with co-owner Kris Ramsey, decided Laclede's Landing would be an ideal location for the club as the historic warehouse creates a casual atmosphere and a concrete bar sets the club apart.

The House Improv Company consists of 21



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The Laughs on the Landing Logo

members. Of those 21 members, six perform each night. Many of the members have trained or performed in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City. All performances are improvised with suggestions from the audience.

Audience members are encouraged to participate.

"We're the only hip-hop comedy club in the area...every show is different," Chris Bosworth said.

Guest performers include Jake Schneider and John Larson, who have also performed in Los Angeles and New York City, as well as on Comedy Central. Other popular improv companies have also performed at Laughs on the Landing.

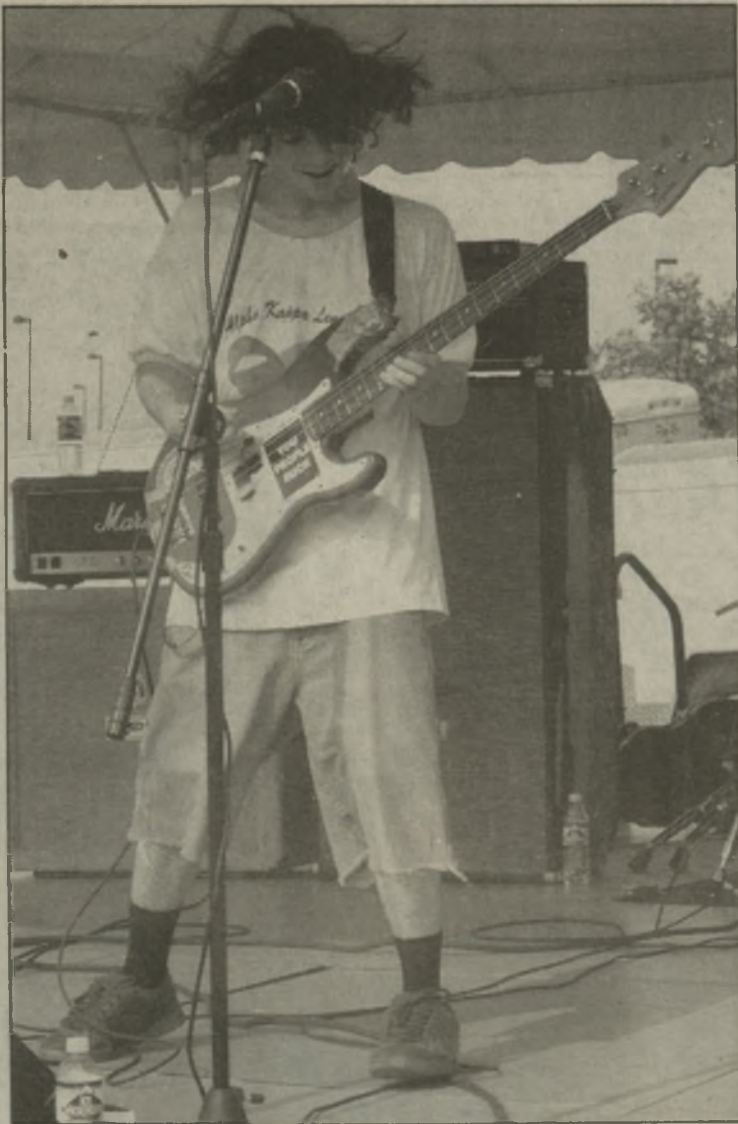
The club and bar is open Tuesday through Saturday. Wednesday is open mic night and admission is free. Doors open at 8 p.m. and drink specials include \$2 drafts. Thursday through Saturday, admission is \$8 and the club opens at 5 p.m. and closes at 1:30 a.m.

Remote improv shows also are available upon request.

Students interested in improv can audition Sept. 21 and 28. Having a monologue prepared is not necessary. The club is located at 801 Second Street on the Laclede's Landing in St. Louis.

For more information call 314-241-5233 or log on to www.laughsonthelanding.com.

Back to School Concert rocks Woodland Hall's Lawn



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Top: Asa Dawson, guitarist and vocalist for The Junior Varsity, performs at Alpha Kappa Lambda's 4th annual Back to School Concert Saturday. Top, right: 15 Minutes Late performs for the crowd. The band performed a 45-minute set at the concert. Bottom: A crowd of students gather on Woodland Hall Lawn to listen to The Junior Varsity perform Saturday.



Unprepared freshmen fail to make the grade

KATHERINE FRIEDMAN
DAILY ORANGE

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — As first-year students at colleges across the nation get their first taste of residence hall life, quad activities and college parties, the approaching first batch of midterms are sure to cause them to rethink their study habits.

According to a study conducted by the ACT, 21 percent of all college-bound students have all the skills they need to succeed academically in college.

The ACT is one of the nation's leading academic

achievement tests, measuring students' performances in four main subjects: English, reading, mathematics and science. It is not a requirement for admission to Syracuse University.

"Since 75 to 80 percent of our students come from the East, only 807, 24 percent of the entering class, submitted ACT scores," said Assistant Dean of Admissions Nancy Machles Rothschild in an e-mail. "The mean composite ACT score for first-year students at SU was 26 out of 36."

The ACT study also found 26 percent of all college-bound students have the ability to earn a C or higher in a college-level

biology course. SU biology professor Marvin Druger said he felt this was not true among first-year students at SU.

"If you're a first-year student at SU, you are a pretty smart kid," he said. "We set the stage so help is always available, and there are multiple ways you can get it."

Druger said he encourages first-year students to "keep (their) mind focused on academics; it's very easy to slip off the end."

English professor Nicole Moss, who teaches "Studio 1: Academic Writing" to first-year students, said students should practice writing and reading as much as possible to broaden their knowledge.

"The demands of the first-year writing courses are magnified by

the fact that most incoming students are making some major adjustments developmentally," Moss said in an e-mail.

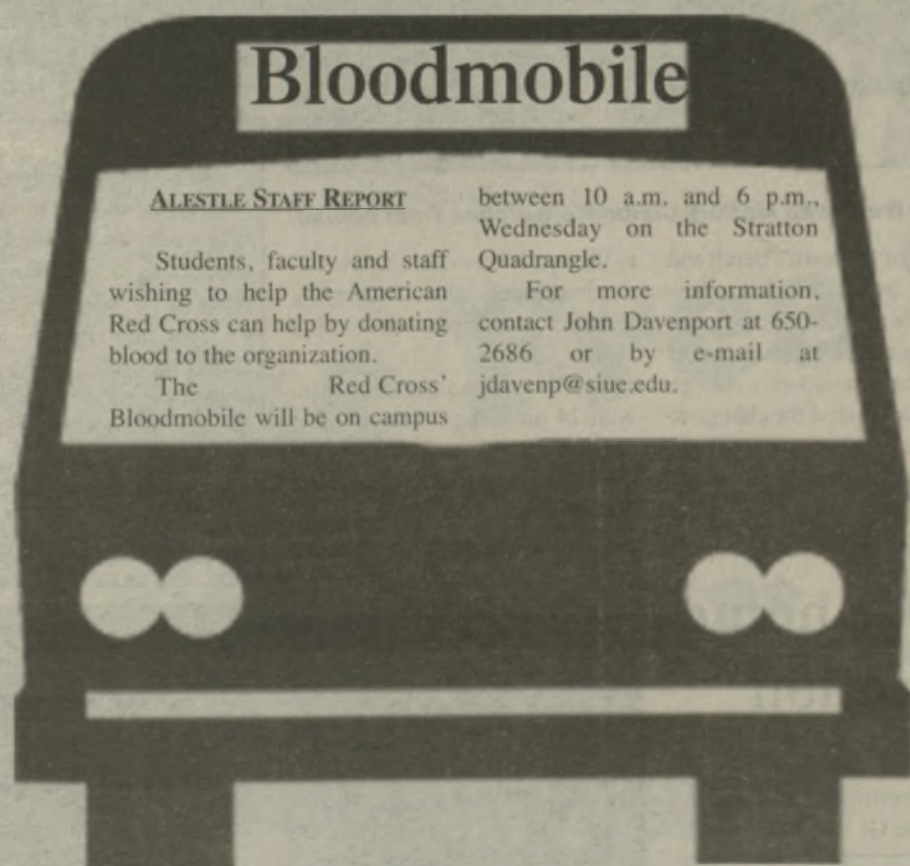
Many experts feel the problem starts at an earlier time within students' academic careers.

"Students need to understand, if they want to go to college, they need to take high school seriously," ACT media representative Ken Gullette said. "Our test indicates that students who take higher level courses will be more prepared."

Gullette said parents and students need to pay attention earlier.

"Students need to learn before they get to high school; they should get on track in middle school," he said.

Make a difference, get involved through campus activities



Get involved at fair

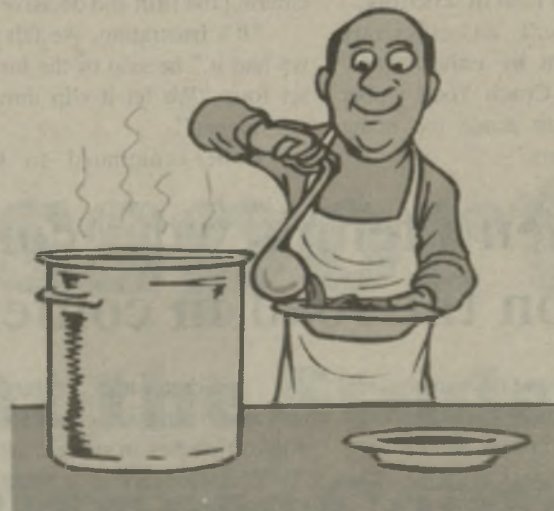
ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students interested in learning about the volunteering opportunities on campus and the surrounding areas should attend the volunteer fair Wednesday.

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Kimmel Leadership Center, the fair will bring together area non-profit and governmental agencies for the event.

For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.



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Sports Quote of the Day

"A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall."

~Vince Lombardi



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Cougars continue to roll

Volleyball team snaps two-game skid with weekend wins

JOE VANZO
SPORTS STRINGER
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SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE women's volleyball team wrapped up a 3-1 weekend to run their record to 9-3 on the season.

On Thursday the team traveled to Warrensburg, Mo. to face No. 8 Central Missouri State University.

CMSU took three out of four games to win the match. The Jennies faced a 21-15 deficit before rallying in the clincher.

All four games were very close in the match, as CMSU took games one, two and four by scores of 30-26, 30-24 and 30-28 respectively. SIUE won game three 30-24.

SIUE sophomore Kim Potthast had 15 kills, while freshman Mallory Clements and senior Kindra Westendorf each had 10 for the Cougars.

"We basically beat ourselves," Clements said of the loss to CMSU. "It wasn't really anything they did."

SIUE tallied a .166 hitting percentage against the Jennies, committing a total of 45 errors.

"It wasn't an efficiently played match by either team," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said. "We just made too many unforced errors."



Senior Heather Bonde goes for a kill as freshman Mallory Clements watches from behind.

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Gober said CMSU's comeback in set four was stinging, as an SIUE win would have given the team momentum entering the fifth and decisive set.

"It's frustrating. We felt like we had it," he said of the loss in set four. "We let it slip through our fingers."

Gober continued to take

advantage of his team's depth and flexibility, as he unveiled a new defense this weekend.

He said he has never coached the new set at a college level, but compared the change to that of a shift from man-to-man to a zone set in basketball.

"It takes away tips," Gober said. "It keeps our setter up close

to the net. It's a system tailored to our personnel, rather than trying to structure our personnel into a system."

Allison Buss led the team with 24 more digs. Buss became the SIUE all-time career digs leader at the Cougar Classic Sept. 3, notching 32 combined digs in

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COUGAR DIARIES



Emily Rahn, Outside Hitter
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TALKS ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES
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All the freshmen on the volleyball team love the campus here at SIUE. The scenery here is beautiful.

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It was also easy to adjust because there are five of us freshmen, and we all live in the same wing of Woodland hall.

There is a completely different atmosphere; we love the social aspect.

Not knowing everyone and making new friends is exciting. The girls on the team are all fun and really nice.

It's awesome that we are friends on and off the court. It was nice to instantly have something in common with 15 other girls.

The pre-conference season went great. Our team has great potential, and we have a chance at winning conference.

We work harder, practice longer, and play smarter than our opponents. Our quest is to be the best.

Women's tennis woes continue at home and on the road in conference action

JANELLE DOBSON
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It has a rough and tumble season so far for the SIUE women's tennis team.

The Cougars remain winless after hitting the courts for three games over the weekend, and managing to win just one match.

Last year's Great Lakes Valley Conference champion Southern Indiana University came to town, and defeated the Cougars 8-1 Sept. 8.

SIUE couldn't stand up to

the Screaming Eagles' pressure, losing each of the singles matches in straight sets.

The Cougars got a win from the tag team freshman tandem of Kristen Bray and Jennifer Ruthe who won their doubles match 8-6.

The Cougars went on the road and got shutout by two other GLVC teams.

SIUE traveled to Springfield, Mo., on Friday to compete against Drury University. However, the

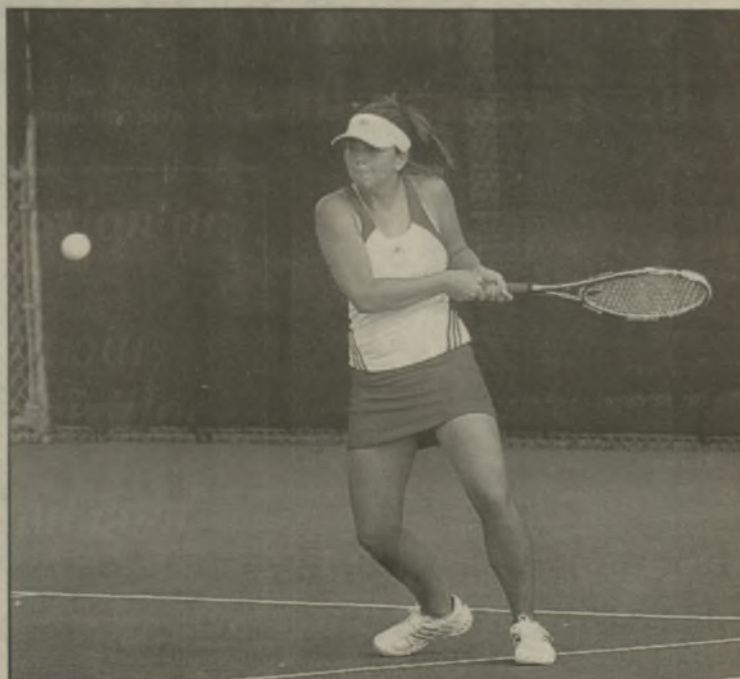
Cougars did not appear to be much competition for Drury, who is 2-0 in the GLVC.

"We're really alot better than or record indicates."

~Head coach Brian Belt

"We're really a lot better than our record indicates," SIUE Head Coach Brian Belt said. "Their effort and desire is there." Drury won every match.

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Freshman Brittany Kockler fights for points during a match.

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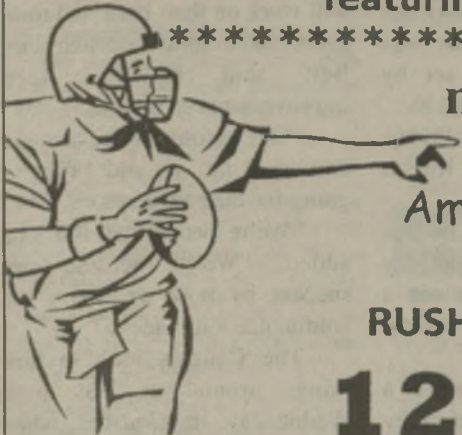
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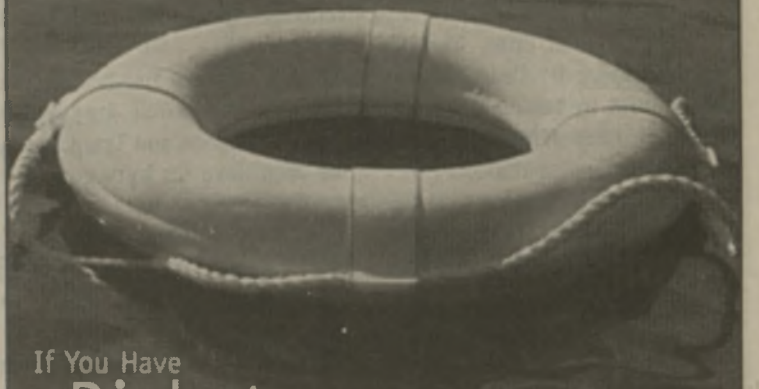
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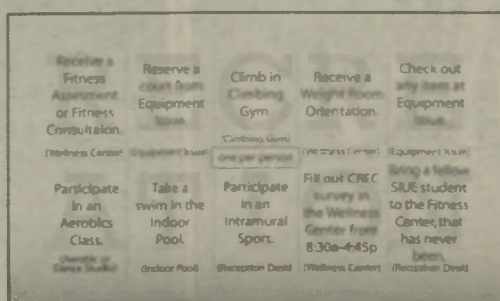
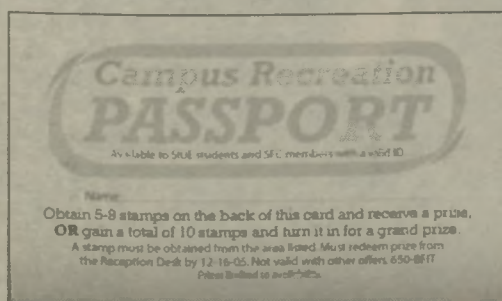
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Cross Country team runs off to a first place finish

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SPORTS STRINGER

The men's cross country team gained early-season momentum by taking first place at the Bradley University Cross Country Invitational meet.

Saturday's drive up to Peoria was worthwhile for the team, which had two runners make top five marks.

SIUE sophomore Erik Steffens and senior Brian Taghon crossed the finish line within two seconds of each other, earning 3rd and 4th place nods for SIUE, respectively.

The team opened up the season on Sept. 3 by winning the Early Bird Tournament at Washington University.

The Cougars hope to improve upon last year's 12th place finish in the regional tournament and produce All-American runners.

"I was not surprised by this week's performances. I knew Erik had put together some good practices. The guys' team works together really well and they showed that this weekend," SIUE Head Coach Eileen McAllister said.

The Cougars' combined times beat out all other schools, including Division I competitors.

Six runners finished in the top 50. Anchored by senior captains Taghon and Trae Cotner, the men have set lofty goals for the rest of the season.

"A lot of things can happen," Steffens said. "A big goal of mine is to help get the team to Nationals out in California. We all wanted that last year, but we

Although the highest individual placement for SIUE was 55th, earned by freshman Michelle Meador, McAllister has high expectations for the rest of the season. Another top performer was freshman Elizabeth Williams.

"The women are full of surprises. They are so young, and I don't know so much about them," McAllister said. "I am pleased with Michelle and Elizabeth's performances."

The Cougar women competed without sophomore co-captain Kelly Flounders, who is the top runner for the team. Senior captain Heather Zipparro was also sidelined, suffering from a foot injury.

Both the men and women's SIUE teams are looking

to continue their success at 5 p.m. Friday at the Eastern Illinois University Invitational in Charleston.

"As a team, we worked together and ran great," sophomore Brian Getz said. "We showed that we are a force to be reckoned with this year."

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~SIUE sophomore Brian Getz on the Cougars' performance

are more focused this year on trying to achieve it."

The Lady Cougars have also started the season on a strong note. After placing 2nd at Washington University in their season opener, the women's team posted 3rd this weekend.

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two games against Truman State University and Missouri Southern State University. Buss now sits at 1490 career digs.

On Friday SIUE took on another member of the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference when they faced Pittsburg State.

SIUE won the match in four games to run their record to 2-2 in matches against MIAA squads.

"In the first game, we were kind of quiet," Clements said. "We started playing as a team. We started talking a lot more."

SIUE and Pitt State split the first two games, with SIUE taking game one 30-16 and Pitt State taking game two 30-27.

SIUE won the final two games 30-21 and 30-27. Heather Bonde lead the team with 21 kills and Jenny Heimann led with 18 digs.

The Cougars finished up their play in Warrensburg by sweeping Henderson State.

SIUE won the three games with the scores of 30-17, 30-20, and 30-26. Heather Bonde had 16 kills and Allison Buss had 15 digs.

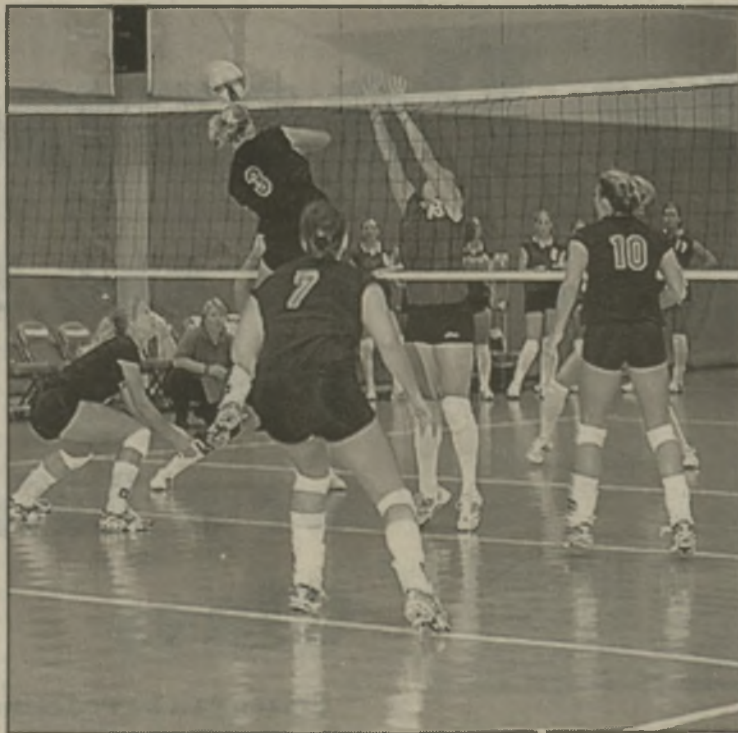
"We steamrolled them. We steamrolled both of those teams,"

Gober said. "I feel like we have our confidence again. Confidence to compete against the country's best."

SIUE was building off of solid play the previous weekend when they went 3-1 at the Cougar Classic. They defeated then No. 7

Northern Michigan, which gave them their third regional win.

SIUE continues its road swing at 7 p.m. Friday when they travel to Kansas City, Mo., to take on Rockhurst in the Great Lakes Valley Conference season opener.



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

Senior Heather Bonde rises up to drive a spike down on an SIUE opponent. The Cougars improved to 9-3 on the season.

TENNIS

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Sophomore Brittany Kockler was the only Cougar who managed to win a set. She lost her first set 6-1, but then made a comeback and won the second set 6-1.

With the score tied, Kockler fought hard to win, but was defeated in the third set by Drury's Megan Blosser, 12-10.

Coming off a rough Friday, the Cougars traveled to Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday.

The Cougars did not bounce back from their losses the day before, not managing to win a single set or match against Rockhurst.

Kockler tried to make a comeback after being defeated by a score of 6-0 in the first set, but she was unsuccessful and lost the second match 7-5.

SIUE freshman Kristen Bray also attempted an unsuccessful comeback, losing the first set 6-0,

and the second set 7-6.

"She had very good matches against all three schools," Belt said.

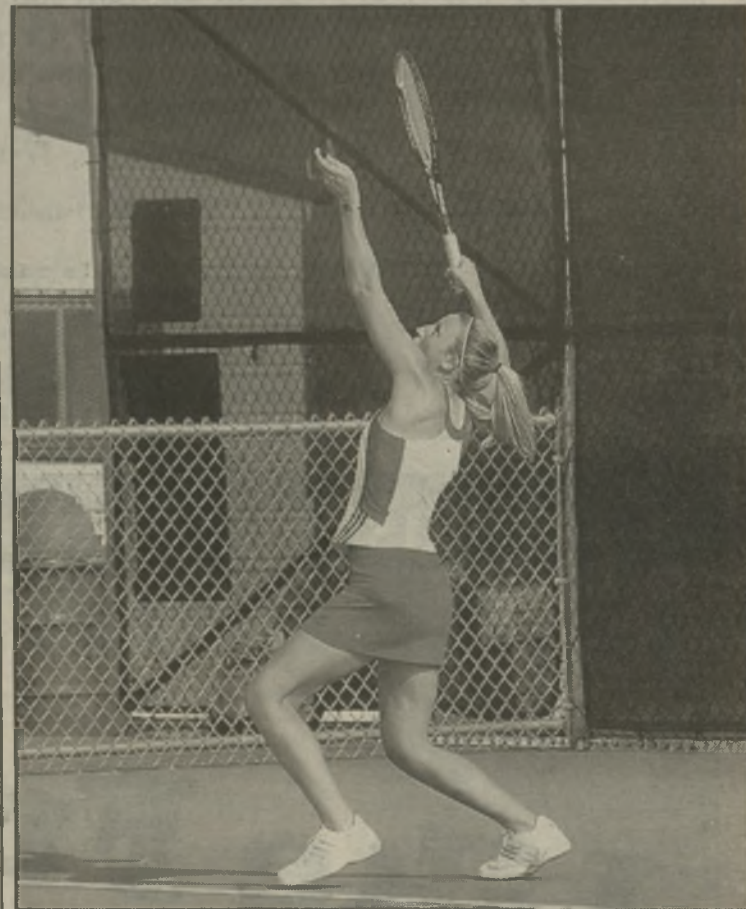
Belt added that the Cougars will work on their back and forth game, and despite the rough start, Belt said he has seen improvements so far.

"Our ground strokes are coming along," he said. "They're going for their points."

"We're better than 0-4," he added. "We'll measure our success by how we do in the conference tournament."

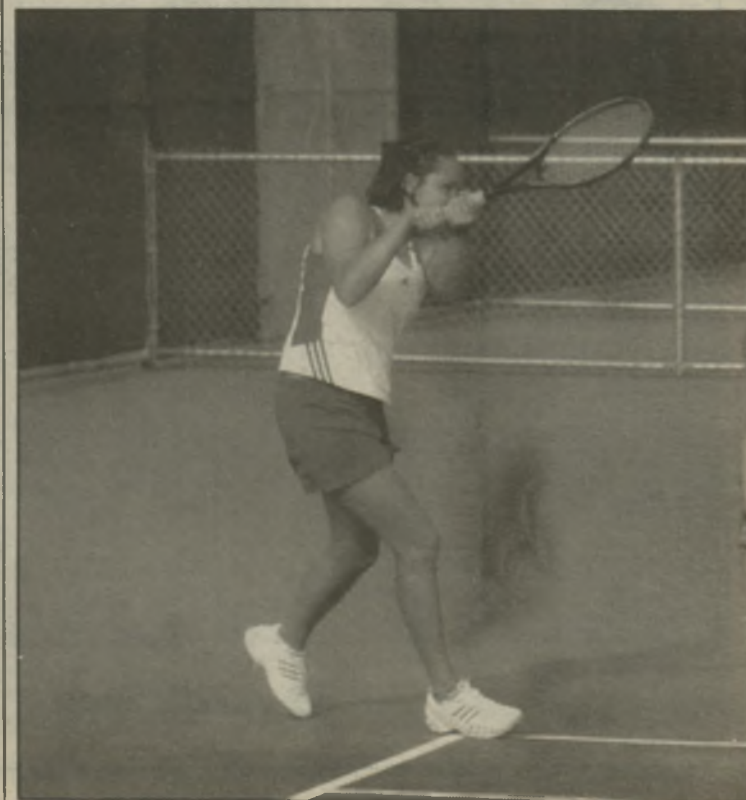
The Cougars look to turn things around at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Godfrey when they take on Lewis & Clark Community College.

"We should do well there," Belt said. "We won't be able to just walk on the court and win though."



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Senior Gina Wohltman serves up the action. Fellow senior Celia Montes (below) displays her groundstroke. The pair are two of just three players from last season returning to the Cougar.



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